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on campus?

Spring break

Classes end on Friday,
Mar. 7, and resume
Monday, March 17.

PUC Leadership

Student organization
leadership conferences
begin Monday March
10.

**Faculty and staff
BackTalk**

**What is your response
to the proposed uni-
fication of PUC's and
Purdue North Central's
administration?**

"It's a little
vague at this
point to know
whether to
be nervous or
not."



-Dr. Daniel Punday, English and philosophy department head

"It's a surprise.
I'm looking
forward to
exploring
opportunities
and making
sure it's a posi-
tive experience
for faculty and
students."



-Tom Roach, communication and creative arts department head

"I think if it's
going to bene-
fit the students
on both cam-
puses, then it
is a win,win
for both cam-
puses."



-Debbie Bachman, director of campus life

"It seems to
me that it is an
opportunity
for both cam-
puses, and this
proposal is the
beginning of
a process that
will have to be
implemented
over the next
few years, but
we don't yet
know what
that process is
going to be."



-Saul Lerner, history and political science professor

photos: Jacob Yothment and Mengqi Wu

One university, two campuses

Keon, Dworkin discuss intention to unify their universities

Richard Chambers
News Editor

PUC's Chancellor Thomas Keon and Purdue North Central's Chancellor James Dworkin on Feb. 26 announced that they have begun designing a plan to unite the two universities but that many details remain to be added.

The proposal includes the continuing operation of both universities' campuses under the administration of one university with one chancellor. The Purdue University Board of Trustees must give approval.

Keon referred to the proposal as a possibility but said discussions will start right away. He expects to have a timeline by fall.

"We just learned about it ourselves, and so now we're sharing it with the university community," Keon said.

Dworkin said a full presentation to the board will probably occur in the fall. A committee will soon form to prepare a plan for presentation.

Dworkin explained that the announcement came at this time because the Board of Trustees and Mitch Daniels, Purdue president, had shown interest in the proposal when the chancellors submitted it the week before.

"He said, 'Go full speed ahead,'" Dworkin said about Daniels' reaction.

Keon said the proposal originated from discussions of reducing the size of the Purdue system's administration.

Keon and Dworkin insisted that any savings

resulting from the reduced administration will go to the two campuses. Dworkin said the extent that the two administrations would unite below the level of chancellor will have to be determined.

The proposal would not affect faculty tenure or student plans of study.

Students will be able to earn credit at both campuses, but the program offerings at either would not necessarily change.

Since most degrees are available at both campuses, students could go back and forth between them for most degrees.

Dworkin said he expects two of the most complicated issues to be academic

structure and athletics. He noted the challenge of determining accreditation for the programs on the two campuses.

Keon said that full integration, if that path is chosen, would mean having the same colleges and departments in charge of any particular degree plan for both campuses.

Keon said the issue of athletics will be discussed with the universities' athletes and coaches, but he commented that combining the teams may not be a good idea because a team can only have a limited number of members in some sports.

Dworkin suggested the campuses might, with unification, have an opportunity for more cooperation in the areas of informational and

instructional technology. Keon said the proposal would not contribute to fewer classes on campus. Dworkin suggested that current PUC students may be able to take classes at Purdue North Central's 10-acre Valporaiso facility.

Dan Punday, professor and head of the department of English and philosophy, said the information given up to that point does not answer questions about what kind of a unification will be planned.

"It's a little hard to envision what this is going to be," Punday said.

Rick Costello, PUC athletic director, said that he currently does not have concerns about the future of the universities' athletic programs and does not foresee changes to scheduling.



photo: Jacob Yothment

PUC's Chancellor Thomas Keon and Purdue North Central's Chancellor James Dworkin discussed challenges involved in uniting their two universities' administrations.

Brandon Rukes becomes Honors College Program Coordinator

Tom Spillman
Staff Writer

Recently, Purdue University Calumet announced its plans for a new Honors College to be implemented for the fall 2014 semester. The university is moving forward with this plan as they have now announced the hiring of PUC alum and former Honors Program President Brandon Rukes to the position of Honors College Program Coordinator.

When asked how he felt when he found out that the position was being offered to him Rukes said, "(I felt) extremely excited when I was called to be informed that the position was being offered to me."

Rukes explained that working in a nonprofit sector is one of his great passions in life, as well as volunteering in his community and working with students. He feels that this job is a great fit for him because it will allow him to fulfill all three of those passions.

This Honors College is a very big change for the program, one that Rukes described as the biggest change the program has experienced since its inception.

This means that there is no set order of operations for anything. One great challenge that administrators and employees of the new college will face is clearly defining the tasks that need to be accomplished, and by

what specific job position they need to be accomplished by for the whole program to be successful.

"Whether it is working with staff across the University to transition the largest change to the program since its inception, assisting students with questions they have about the college, possibly attending recruiting events and new student orientation events to discuss the benefits of the college, and working on special projects to better benefit the college, I know that I will be very busy."

He concluded by sharing his hopes to see the honor college achieve its goal of having over 500 students enrolled in the college one day. There is currently

roughly 75 students in the honors program.

Rukes, who has been at U.S. Steel for the past eight months, graduated from PUC in the Spring of 2013, and is still known by many within the onors program for his services as president of the program.

Matt Meier, current Honors Program president, shares the same feelings of many about having Rukes working as Honors College program coordinator.

"I think he will be a vital person to have on board as we finish the transition to becoming an honors college because of all the years of experience he has as a past president of the honors program," Meier said.

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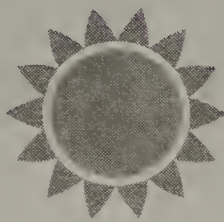
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Alumni open and informational event for the MA program in English

Location: CLO, Room 263

Posted by: Kathryn Hejmej

•March 3, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Students in attendance have the chance to learn about PUC's MA program in English, and meet with alumni from the program.

Anthem Medical Insurance

Location: CLO, Room 214

Posted by: Human Resources

•March 4, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

A representative from Anthem Medical Insurance will offer one-on-one appointments. To schedule an appointment contact Stacy Goss at (317)-287-5441.

Bible study

Location: Gyte, Room 007D

Posted by: Student Activities

•March 5

A small group Bible study will delve into readings from The Bible.

Graduate students: last day to submit Report of the Final Examination and Thesis Receipt Forms.

Posted by: Anne Agosto-Severa

•March 7

Exam and degree only registrants must submit The Final Exam and the Thesis Receipt Form by this day.

Daylight Savings Time

•March 9

Set clocks forward one hour.

Spring break begins

•March 10

PUC Student Leadership Conference

Location: SUL Alumni Hall

Posted by: Student Activities

•March 10, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All PUC students are invited to attend the conference. Student organization members get in for free.

Study with the Gryphons

Location: CLO

Posted by: Campus Life

•March 12, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tau Phi Sigma members will hold a study table open to all students.

Classes resume

•March 17

Registration for summer and fall classes begins

•March 17

Movie Monday, Thor: The Dark World

Location: SUL, TV Room

Posted by: Student Activities

•March 17, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Out of the frying pan...



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As spring draws near, I find myself stumbling upon more and more news articles full of statistics measuring the preparedness of this year's wave of college graduates. This year's data is likely no different from the years preceding, but as a senior who is scheduled to graduate in May, I can't help but give pause after reading how news surveys and media polls are defining my impending entrance to the workforce. According to new a survey conducted by Gallup measuring how business leaders and the American public perceive the current state and value of higher education, only 11 percent of business leaders and 14 percent of the American public believed that college graduates were prepared with the necessary skill sets and competencies the workplace requires.

But according to that same study, 96 percent of college administrators believe that they are doing a fine job of preparing graduates for successful entrance into the workforce. This begs the question: if graduates are unprepared, then who is responsible for their lack of preparedness? Is higher education to blame or are the companies that hire graduates for their first positions who subsequently fail to train them properly to blame? Perhaps neither is responsible. PUC offers resources to students to prepare them for the working world.

According to Shelley L. Robinson, former director of career services, "students should get connected early. Students who get connected early have a much greater success rate than someone who's never visited career services."

Despite the pessimism of some reports, PUC offers a great deal of resources directed at preparing students for work outside of the university. Experiential learning and the interactive Career Services program are just two of the ways PUC is bucking the trend, providing students with more than just a classical education. PUC is ensuring that students are prepared for the challenges of finding and keeping employment, and I for one feel privileged to have such opportunities.

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Fantasy: It not just for geeks anymore



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Arts & Leisure
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When I was younger, during the Stone Age, there was one truism: only the biggest geeks read comic books, watched sci-fi and fantasy movies or played role playing games.

Today one thing is clear: all of these things are firmly part of the mainstream.

Don't believe me? Try looking at Entertainment Weekly's website.

On it you will read mainly about the latest Marvel superhero movie, a new Michael Bay sci-fi action film or the next season of AMC's "Comic Book Men."

In addition to all the usual news about music, books, movies and all the latest celebrity gossip, there is an entire section called "Capetown." It has all the information one could want about comic books, fantasy movies, science fiction entertainment and so on. This wouldn't have been possible if there hadn't been a huge change in the pop cultural landscape in recent years.

Many years ago, I only knew one person that was a huge fan of comic books and science fiction. He had collected hundreds of sci-fi and fantasy books and read many comic books. Most of all, my friend was easily the biggest "Star Wars" fan in all of Indiana.

He had collected almost everything connected to the "Star Wars" franchise. Apart from the DVDs, he had all the movie tie-in books, comic book adaptations, posters, games, hundreds of toys that were still in the box, even frames of the film that had been signed and numbered by the filmmakers. The highlight of the collection was the life-size cardboard stand-ups of Han Solo and Luke Skywalker in his living room.

He was also the first person that I personally knew that went to comic conventions and participated in role playing games.

Many years later, all of this is in the mainstream. Now, I know many people who are fans of the fantasy genre. None of them fit the old stereotype of socially inept nerds who still live with their mother. They blend in with society now more than ever. They come from all different walks of life. We even recently had a comic book convention here in Northwest Indiana.

I know my "Star Wars"-loving friend is pleased to see it happen. He helped to pave the way for "Star Wars" fans everywhere.

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Campus fusion

On the morning of Wednesday Feb. 26, faculty members and students woke up to an email from PUC's Chancellor Tom Keon and Purdue North Central's Chancellor James Dworkin.

Keon said in the email, "Today we are announcing that Purdue University Calumet and Purdue University North Central are collaborating on a plan that would unify the administration of Purdue's two Northwest Indiana campuses."

Upon reading the email, everyone asked the question, "What does this mean?"

Students and faculty members were invited to

a question and answer session with both chancellors later that afternoon in Alumni Hall. The room became flooded with people with their unanswered questions they had to ask the chancellors.

However, to their dismay, most questions received answers such as "probably" or "we don't know as of now."

Although many questions did not receive a full answer, the chancellors did divulge that the administrative unification will most likely lead to there being only one chancellor who will oversee both universities, and an opportunity for students to receive college credit

from courses offered at both universities.

As of now, nobody can say with full certainty that the proposed unification will be beneficial to either universities. Students and faculty have yet to hear most of the details surrounding the proposal, or whether or not this will lead to job cuts in the administration.

Obviously if this will benefit both universities, than both campus should move forward with the proposal.

However, it is vital that students and faculty members be kept in the loop throughout the process.

Correcting the record

In the Feb. 24 issue of The Chronicle on the Front Page in the photo caption of Ken Johnston, his title was written as vice chancellor for Academic Affairs. Johnston's title is vice chancellor for Administrative Services.

The Chronicle regrets this error.

COMMENTS?

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Communication students win several awards

Colleen Hannon
News Writer

Students of Mary Beth O'Connor, associate professor of communication, won awards to be presented at the 2014 Broadcast Education Association's Festival of Media Arts in Scriptwriting.

Sharon Bearss-Talley, Ashley Calarie, Jaszmin Kuhner, Jeff Scott and Bre'Shaunda Patikas won first place for Television Specs with their script entitled "Suits: The Choice." Lyneice Harris, Christopher Spedus and Tyler Walk won second place with their script "The Following: Piece by Piece."

Alex Srednoselac won Honorable Mention in the Short Subject category with his script entitled "Double Down."

The Broadcast Education Association will hold its annual convention and Festival of Media Arts in Las Vegas, Nev., on April 6 through April 9.

Every year, O'Connor gives her students the option to enter their semester's work into the festival. She said the convention gives students the opportunity to meet well known professionals in the field. There are often recruiters there looking to offer internships and jobs to students.

The first and second place winners came together

through O'Connor's scriptwriting class. Students took a show from TV and wrote an episode for it.

"Suits: The Choice" is written for the television drama "Suits" on the USA network. This popular show takes place in a New York City law firm for which a top notch lawyer, Harvey, secretly hires a college dropout to be a lawyer.

The theme is about the ego, Scott explained.

"We examined how a lot of the characters in the show had bruised egos based on some of the episodes before," Scott said.

The second place script "The Following: Piece by Piece" is written for the FOX television drama, "The Following."

The title, Walk explained, is a Frankenstein reference. "The antagonist of the show was Doctor Frankenstein, and his cult members were his creation." The antagonist made his cult members "piece by piece."

Alex Srednoselac, who has now graduated, won Honorable Mention in the Short Subject category. The category Short Subject is an original 15 to 35 page film script. His script "Double Down" was written during an independent study with O'Connor.

"It's basically about the reconstruction of the



(From left to right) Jaszmin Kuhner, Sharon Bearss-Talley and Jeff Scott make up three of the four students who won First Place for Television Specs with their script "Suits: The Choice."

relationship between Jimmy, the main character and his father," he said. "The characters deal with many issues from the past. They learn to be present in their lives instead of living in the past."

Srednoselac said O'Connor's criticism was especially helpful.

O'Connor explained that many of the students who enter the contest come from colleges in which they have taken many scriptwriting classes or are even majoring in something similar.

For many of her students, this was their first scriptwriting class, and they took home three awards. The first place students enjoyed working

together on this project, but it was challenging at times.

Calarie explained, "Whenever you have five different opinions coming together it can be sometimes crazy and overwhelming. Personally, I feel like our group worked very well together."

The experience taught Bearss-Talley much about scriptwriting and also taught her that if you have the right team behind you "anything is possible," according to Bearss-Talley.

The second place group members enjoyed their experience working together.

"The chemistry was awesome," Spedus said.

The students spoke very highly of their instructor.

"She teaches us, but we also teach ourselves throughout the process. And I think that's what makes Mary Beth such a fantastic teacher when it comes to this craft." Walk said, "She was there to help us, and she did a good job."

The Festival of Media Arts is presented by the Charles and Lucille King Family Foundation.

According to the BEA's website, last year the festival received over 1,250 entries in 15 competitions.

The festival holds separate competitions for faculty and students that cover dramatic narratives, non-fiction documentaries, news, interactive media and more.

University to offer Web center for advisement information

Richard Chambers
News Editor

Students at PUC will soon be able to find information about academic advising by the various colleges and departments in one location of the university website. The new advisement portion of the website will contain separate areas for freshman, sophomores, juniors, seniors and transfer students, as well as other information.

The advisement website will include the names and locations of all advisers, so students can be sure how to schedule appointments.

Dnafu Elston, director of student success and transition,

is planning a trial launch of the website to gather feedback from student leaders, such as peer mentors and SGA representatives, before priority registration begins on March 17.

Elston hopes to make at least a foundation of the site available to all students by that time.

Elston said the reason for the website is to ensure that students know where to go for advisement. Data from the new Student Success Collaborative show the failure risk of students decreasing if they have met with academic advisers.

"All that data really means one central thing to me, which

is, you know, those students that meet with advisers tend to do much better than those that don't," Elston said.

The website will contain information for students to begin or continue the advisement and registration process but will not give its own advisement.

"Nothing will take the place of you sitting down with your academic adviser and having those conversations about the right courses to take et cetera. What we're trying to do is make sure that first step, which is getting you to an adviser, is easy," Elston said.

Michelle Ellis, academic adviser for elementary education, has seen diagrams

of what the website will show. She said students often ask her when registration begins, so she expects the new website to help them stay aware of the calendar.

Ellis said many students do not remember who their adviser is, even if they met the adviser at new student orientation, because they can be overwhelmed with information at that time.

Linda Atkinson, academic adviser at the Center for Learning and Academic Success, has explored the website and said the separation into academic years should be helpful to students.

Atkinson hopes the contact information for all advisers

will encourage undeclared students to contact multiple advisers before choosing a major.

The center currently has paper copies of all advisers' information but does not have it online.

"We can talk with them here, but it's always best if they can go to the adviser of that given college that they're wanting to major in," Atkinson said.

Atkinson suggested that a link to the "Do What You Are" major and career planning quiz offered by Career Services will be helpful to add to the website if the link is not already in the process of being put on it.

SGA president proposes new textbook exchange program

Bianca Alvarez
News Writer

PUC may soon have a textbook exchange program through which students can exchange or buy textbooks at a less expensive price.

Adam Cooper, SGA president, is working on putting together a document on Google Drive that would be available for students to use. The document likely will not be ready until the end of the semester.

Cooper said that the document would include prospective buyers and sellers, listings, comments and information about the textbooks and locations in which students can pick up the books.

All exchanges and sales would take place on PUC's campus.

Cooper said the program would give students one more option to get rid of textbooks that they no longer need or want.

Maria Melero, a freshman entrepreneurship major, completed a project about the cost of textbooks from a student's perspective for her English Composition II class. She said the project provided research about textbook inflation, current university responses to high prices, student reactions and possible solutions.

Melero said a textbook exchange program was among the suggested solutions along with open-source textbooks

and improvements to rental options.

"In the short run, a book exchange program might work. However, finding volunteers to maintain the program might be difficult. In my opinion, the most viable solution would be to implement the same textbook rental program that has been used in the University of Wisconsin," Melero said.

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater charges each student \$76

inside the price of tuition to provide the option of renting all required textbooks.

"Here at Purdue Calumet, less than 50 percent of students purchase their textbooks from the bookstore, and in Whitewater the cost of textbooks is included in tuition, which means all the students purchase them from the bookstore. Another aspect that makes this possible is that when a professor picks a book, he is locked into that book for three years," said Melero.

Entering the art world

Local art gallery offers opportunities for up-and-coming artists

Michael Hanus
Arts & Leisure Writer

In a vintage brick former hardware store neatly nestled in downtown Hammond, owner David Mueller curates over local art community hotspot; Paul Henry's Art Gallery located at 416 Sibley St. in Hammond.

Debuting as a gallery in 2008, Paul Henry's has hosted hundreds of artists, musicians and special events. During the majority of the week, Paul Henry's displays several hundred artists, several thousand pieces of local and out-of-state art ranging from paintings to sculptures to jewelry and more. All the art is for sale at a price discussed between Mueller and the artist.

Mueller, who majored in biology and had experienced the art scene out west for several years, decided to get into the art business after his paint business failed.

"I needed a business that had no inventory investment, had a good cash flow and drew from beyond the immediate neighborhood," Mueller said on his decision to convert into a gallery. "I knew some artists out here and started investigating on what it would take to get in the gallery game."

Since opening, Paul Henry's has become a local artist hive, attracting heavily diverse groups of people into its colorful halls. Having kept the hardware store motif, paintings hang on every open spot on the walls with old hardware locked in cabinets

behind them. Two main halls feature the mixing pot of artists, with another back room designed to give a single or group of artists the main stage.

In addition to the crafted art, Paul Henry's hosts an open stage every Thursday night after business hours. This night attracts musicians, poets and performance artists from every stretch of society, as anyone with something to present can do so for \$3. It also connects Paul Henry's with the community.

"These special events bring in different people every time," Mueller said. "Artists get exposure to different audience each time."

Special art gallery events happen frequently, but no formal advertising is carried out until roughly two weeks before the event. Many student artists are featured within the gallery, but Mueller notes that not many undergraduates are on the wall. Getting on the wall is a matter of Mueller liking the piece and finding a spot for it or clearing a date for a featured show, unlike many other galleries in the region who require board votes and take a while for approval.

People looking for a place to get their feet wet in the art community, and want to make some friends along the way, should stop by Paul Henry's Art Gallery.

Paul Henry's is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sundays 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. A good place to start is the open stage, which begins at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and goes until it's over.



photo: Haley LeRand

Local guitar player, Jeff Martinez, performs his own, original music at Paul Henry's Art Gallery on Feb. 27. Martinez writes and performs all of his music, and performs at Paul Henry's on a regular basis.

Paul Henry's Art Gallery location and hours

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PUC baseball gets ready to start first full season

David Bork
Sports Editor

PUC baseball is preparing mentally for the first year of the program and practicing for the school's first game of the season. PUC's first game is March 8 at Goshen College.

PUC's baseball team is coached by David Griffin. Griffin is a former high school baseball coach for Bishop Noll and summer league coach for various summer baseball teams.

"It's an honor to be PUC's first baseball coach, and I plan to develop the program,"

Griffin said on becoming baseball coach.

Griffin is PUC's first baseball coach in school history. Griffin had to recruit a whole baseball team to come out and play for him and he managed to do so in just two months. Griffin was faced with an uneasy task, traveling Northwest Indiana to recruit a whole team.

PUC baseball consists of juniors, sophomores and freshman, along with players from around the United States but most are from Northwest Indiana. PUC baseball has transfers from junior

colleges and players straight from high school.

"You get a great education with a Purdue degree. The baseball players around the area are getting better. Baseball players want to come to PUC for an education and to play baseball. The future is very bright here at PUC," Griffin said.

"Not many people get the opportunity to play a sport in college. It is an amazing feeling to play at a school like PUC. It is a school which has the athletic department and administrators always supporting us in every way possible,"

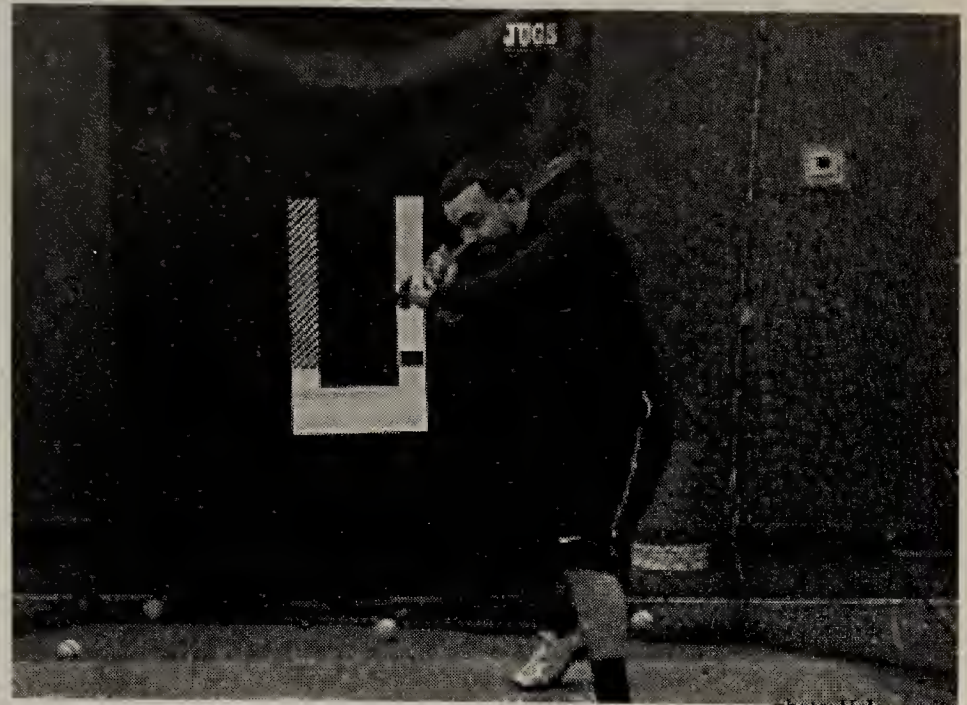


photo: Haley Smith

Micah Rooke, junior third-baseman for the new baseball team, winds up for the swing during a practice

John Livingston, a junior fitness management major on playing for PUC baseball.

"I have been playing baseball since I was five. The game of baseball comes naturally to me," Livingston said.

Livingston transferred from South Suburban College. He is PUC's starting first baseman.

"We have a great group of guys here at PUC. We are like a family. I feel that will only help us succeed on the field," Livingston said on his teammates. Livingston played with most of his teammates in high school baseball. He played baseball at Highland High School.

"I decided to play here because it's close to home and it's always been a dream of mine to play college baseball,"

Alec Pickert said. Pickert, a freshman accounting major plays second base for PUC.

"I am hoping for the same amount of success here at PUC that I had at Lake Central," Pickert said.

Pickert was part of the state title team for Lake Central High School in 2012.

"All the responsibilities in a college coach, I am ready to accept the challenges. I would like to be very competitive with the teams we face," Griffin said. "I

would like my team to go .500 this season."

PUC will have 39 games this spring at various schools all around the U.S., and the team will compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. PUC baseball plans to have eight home games in the New Dowling Park Complex in early April. The Complex opened last December.

Upcoming games

- March 8, 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Goshen
- March 10, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Pikeville
- March 11, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Union
- March 12, 1 p.m. at Union



photo: Haley Smith

Micah Rooke, junior third baseman for the new baseball team is 5-foot-11 and is from Robertsdale, Ind.

David Griffin becomes PUC's first baseball coach

Annie Riddering
Sports Writer

As the baseball team prepares for their first year in school history, David Griffin, PUC's head coach, has been preparing his team to compete. The coaching staff at PUC consists of Jim Tucker, Pat Antone, Anthony Hoolehan and Alex Triantafillo.

Griffin has been coaching for 22 years, including six years at Bishop Noll High School and travel baseball teams in the summer.

When Griffin coached at Bishop Noll, the team made it to the State Championship game twice, winning the 2004 game and becoming runner-ups during the 2006 game. The 2004 state title was only the second title in the programs history.

Griffin has a long history in the game of baseball. Griffin played three years in college for Texas Wesleyan University, 10 years professional baseball in the minor leagues with the New York Yankees, Detroit Tigers, and Atlanta Braves organizations and in the Dominican Republic.

Griffin holds the single season record for number of homeruns, slugging percentage and total bases at Texas Wesleyan University.

In 1988, Griffin was a part of the Richmond Braves and the Atlanta Braves AAA minor league team. Griffin was named the HOWE's sports player of the year and the TOPP's player of the month for the month of August, during that season Griffin also played

in the International League All-Star game.

David Griffin founded the Indiana Elite Playmakers. The Playmakers are a travel baseball team that was started 16 years ago. The Playmakers' philosophy is to "teach players the basic fundamentals they need to succeed on and off the playing field." This team has turned up eight players who were drafted into the pros.

Besides being head coach of the new PUC baseball team, Griffin is the director of the David Griffin Baseball School located in Griffith, which is a fundamental program that teaches players at different age levels, including youth, collegiate and professional baseball players. Griffin's school has had 450 baseball players receive college



photo: Haley Smith

scholarships and 33 students get drafted professionally. The PUC baseball team uses his facility to practice.

"We have been practicing at my baseball school three days a week. On other days we've been going up to the Ho Chunk facility twice a week. We come inside the Fitness and Recreation Center and practice

on Sundays. We have various indoor venues to practice on different things," Griffin said.

"The coaching staff and I plan to observe closely at the talent that we have, going forward to try to evaluate what we need to make this team a very good team," Griffin said. Griffin has players all around Northwest Indiana playing for

him. Griffin said he saw most of the players in high school before he recruited them to PUC.

The coaches and the players look forward to starting their 39 game season on March 8 playing Goshen College's baseball team.

PUC will have their first home game on April 11, against Saint Xavier University.

PEREGRINE SCOREBOARD

Women's Basketball
March 1 Championship for CCAC Tournament versus Olivet Nazarene University W 87-77

Men's Basketball
Feb. 24 Opening Round for CCAC Tournament versus CCSJ L 50-72

Men's Baseball
March 8 at Goshen College (doubleheader) 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.
March 10 at Pikeville (doubleheader) 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.
March 11 at Union (doubleheader) 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. March 13 at Lee (doubleheader) 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.
March 14 at Tennessee Wesleyan 2 p.m.
March 16 at Robert Morris (doubleheader) 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.
March 17 at Judson University (doubleheader) 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.
March 18 at Manchester University 3 p.m.
March 19 at Trinity Christian University (double header) 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.
March 22 at Ashford University (doubleheader) 1p.m. and 4 p.m.
March 23 at Saint Francis University 1 p.m.

Women's Softball
Feb. 22 Culver Stockton University W 12-1
Saint Ambrose University L 5-3
Feb. 23 Benedictine University/Springfield W 15-3
Ashford University W 10-2
March 8-9 Lindenwood Belleville Tournament 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
March 11 at Indiana Southeast (doubleheader) 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
March 12 at Spalding University (doubleheader) 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
March 14 at Taylor University (doubleheader) 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
March 15 Sue Bowman Classic 11 a.m.
March 21 at Trinity Christian University 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
March 23 at Purdue North Central 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.



2014 Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Champions

Women's Basketball team wins first CCAC Championship since 1996

David Bork
Sports Editor

The Peregrines, who finished the regular season 21-6 and went 14-2 in the conference, going undefeated at home in the conference, went into the tournament seeking revenge after last year's loss in the semifinals in the CCAC Tournament to Roosevelt University. For the first time in 20 years the Women's basketball team won the CCAC Championship.

PUC went in as the No. 1 overall seed in the CCAC Tournament. PUC had a first round bye in the CCAC Tournament. PUC had their first game of the tournament on Feb. 26 in the quarterfinals of the CCAC Tournament versus Robert Morris University, where PUC never trailed against Robert Morris University. PUC led as much as 22 points. The peregrines would win 97-87. PUC would have the next day off, and their next game would be Feb. 28 versus Indiana University South Bend or Cardinal Stritch University.

"We have two more games. We still have a lot of work to do," Tierra Turner said. Turner, senior criminal justice major leads the Peregrines in scoring this season with 17 points per game had 36 points in the quarterfinals on 14-21 shooting in the victory versus Robert Morris.

The semifinals of the CCAC Tournament were on Feb. 28. PUC faced IUSB, and The Peregrines would defeat IUSB 91-57. PUC led 48-23 at halftime. In the first half PUC shot 49 percent from the field and held IUSB to 30 percent. PUC's starting five all had double figures with 10 or

more points. Cassidy Deno, freshman, led the Peregrines with 20 points. Patrice McBee, sophomore, had 12 points. Brooklyn Short, senior, had 13 points for the Peregrines and Kami Graber had 14 points.

"We told the players after the game, do not get over confident. The championship is tomorrow," Assistant Coach Stephanie Beck said.

PUC advanced to their first CCAC Tournament Championship in 20 years on March 1 going against Olivet Nazarene University. The Peregrines defeated Olivet Nazarene University twice this season. The common sports saying, "It is hard to beat a team three times in a season."

PUC won the CCAC Championship by defeating Olivet Nazarene 87-77. This is Megyesi's first career CCAC Championship at PUC. The Peregrines had a slow start to the game, but would lead by four points at halftime. After halftime Olivet would make another run, until about 10 minutes in the game, The Peregrines would take control.

"Hard to believe, it seemed like it was all just a dream,"

Megyesi said on winning the CCAC Championship. Megyesi is in his seventh season as women's basketball coach, while winning his first CCAC Championship.

"I am at a loss for words. We had an amazing season. I am blessed to be able to win as a team," Deno said. Deno recorded a double-double for the Peregrines with 20 points and 11 rebounds in the championship game.

"This is my first championship at PUC, and my first championship since high school. It is an amazing feeling," Turner said.

Turner who averages 17 points a game, led The Peregrines with 30 points in the championship game and had 10 rebounds.

Winning the CCAC Championship was a goal the women's basketball team set for themselves before the season after coming short last year.

The draw for the Women's National Tournament is March 5. The women's basketball team will start the national tournament on March 12 which takes place in Sioux City, Iowa.



photo: Shalini Casula

Intramural Wiffleball draws a lot attention first week

Tom Spillman
Staff Writer

The PUC Intramurals program continues its time-honored standards of athletic excellence with the Feb. 26 commencement start of wiffleball.

Five full rosters have been submitted for wiffleball, and each team will face the other four teams, having one game on Wednesdays throughout the next few weeks. The other games throughout the weeks will be played in the gymnasium at the Fitness and Recreation Center. The games are played at 7 p.m.

The season is scheduled to last through March, with

a tournament to be played at the end of the season. The winners of that contest will be crowned the Purdue Calumet Kings of Wiffleball.

"Sluggers Plus Jamar" is the team started by Jon Newcomb.

"Wiffleball is a very worthwhile event for the school to be sponsored," Newcomb said.

"It's a great chance to be able to hang out with your friends from school and have fun without having to worry about schoolwork. I've always enjoyed participating in intramural activities on campus," Newcomb said.

"Wiffleball is one of the most popular intramural activities, drawing in one

of the highest numbers of participants," Matt Dudzik, director of intramurals said. "This is one of the most fun intramural sports that they have here, and a lot of people do it," said Jamar Goodman.

There are always intramurals that people can go out for.

Along with wiffleball, basketball and dodgeball are in season now, and volleyball will be starting up soon. Most events are co-ed and free to students and employees who have a fitness center membership.

For more information about PUC intramurals contact Matt Dudzik at dudzik@purduecal.edu.

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